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Inventor(s): Miyamoto, et al. Confirmation No. 4304

Serial No.: 09/647,833 Group Art Unit: 3761

Date Filed: October 5, 2000 Examiner: Jacqueline Stephens

Title: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING REINFORCED EAR PANELS

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